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SUBJ: UN BUDGET: MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN KOREA

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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING PROLONGED DISCUSSION IN SEVERAL
MEETINGS, REPS OF COUNTRIES WHOSE MEN INTERNED IN UN
CEMETERY AGREED THAT DUTCH REP SHOULD APPROACH USYG
DAVIDSON TO REQUEST DELETION OF CEMETERY ITEM FROM
UN BUDGET. UN MEMORIAL CEMETERY COMMITTEE
WOULD ADVISE SYG ALONG SUCH LINES. ROK
REP WOULD PROVIDE SYG WITH LETTER CONTAINING GUARANTEE THAT
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HIS GOVT WOULD FULFILL ITS TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND WOULD

ASSUME MAINTENANCE COSTS DURING 1974. ACTION REQUESTED:
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST FOR IMPENDING DISCUSSIONS OF
CEMETERY COST SHARING.

1. USUN HAS PARTICIPATED IN RECENT DAYS IN SEVERAL
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH OTHER DELS WHOSE NATIONALS INTERRED
IN CEMETERY. IN LATEST MEETING EVENING NOV 30 DELS MET TO
HEAR REPORT FROM DUTCH DEPUTY PERMREP VAN DER KLAUW ON MEETING
HE JUST HAD WITH USYG DAVIDSON TO DETERMINE BEST PROCEDURE
FOR REMOVING CEMETERY FROM UN 1974-75 PROGRAM BUDGET.

2. VAN DER KLAUW SAID THAT UN LEGAL ADVISER STAVROPOULOS
HAD URGED THAT TWO LETTERS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO
SYG. FIRST LETTER, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF INTERESTED GOVTS,
WOULD PROPOSE TO SYG TO DELETE FROM HIS PROPOSED PROGRAM
BUDGET ITEM FOR MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERY (SEC 31 OF
A/9006). GOVTS WHOSE REPS WOULD SIGN SUCH LETTER WOULD
INDICATE THAT THEY PREPARED TO TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITIES
MENTIONED UNDER ARTICLE IX OF AGREEMENT, DATED NOV. 6, 1959,
SETTING UP MEMORIAL CEMETERY. SECOND LETTER, FROM ROK REP, WOULD
STATE THAT ROKG, AS PARTY TO TREATY, AND FOLLOWING DECISION
OF GA TO DELETE ITEM FROM BUDGET, WOULD TAKE NECESSARY
MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE IX. ROK REP (COUNSELLOR HAM)
ANNOUNCED THAT HIS AMB HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO STATE
THAT HIS GOVT WOULD UNDERTAKE TO ACCEPT COSTS OF MAIN-
TENANCE OF CEMETERY DURING 1974; ROK AMB ALSO HAD AGREED TO
APPROVE REMOVAL OF ITEM FROM UN BUDGET AND HIS GOVT WOULD
FULFILL ITS TREATY OBLIGATIONS.

3. IN NOV 30 MTG REPS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES QUESTIONED
NEED FOR LETTER AS SUGGESTED BY STAVROPOULOS. THESE
REPS BELIEVED THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME BEFORE FIFTH
COMITE WOULD TAKE UP ITEM TO OBTAIN FULL AUTHORITY
FROM THEIR GOVTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ABOVE SCENARIO.

4. NEW ZEALAND DEL NOTED THAT CEMETARY AGREEMENT
PROVIDED FOR ADVISORY COMITE TO SYG CONSISTING OF
REPS OF COUNTRIES WHOSE MEN BURIED IN CEMETARY.
FOLLOWING DETAILED DISCUSSIONS DELS AGREED THAT VAN DER
KLAUW SHOULD SEE USYG DAVIDSON MORNING DEC. 3 TO PROPOSE
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SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT COURSE OF ACTION THAN THAT SUGGESTED BY
STAVROPOULOS. ELEVEN COUNTRIES CONCERNED WOULD SEND SUB-
SEQUENTLY REPRESENTATIVE GROUP TO MEET WITH SYG IN NAME
OF UN MEMORIAL CEMETERY COMITE. THIS GROUP WOULD ADVISE
SYG THAT, IN LIGHT OF DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK, NEW CUSTODIAN
FOR CEMETARY WOULD HAVE TO BE SELECTED. SYG WOULD BE
REQUESTED TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT REVISED BUDGET ESTIMATE
FOR SEC 31 IN WHICH ITEM FOR CEMETERY WOULD BE DELETED.

SYG WOULD INFORM FIFTH COMITE THAT HE HAD DONE SO ON
ADVISE OF MEMORIAL CEMETERY COMITE. ARTICLE IX WOULD THEREFORE
COME INTO FORCE.

5. REPS FURTHER AGREED, WITH CONSENT OF ROK DEL,
THAT LETTER FROM ROK AMB DETAILING COMMITMENT SHOULD ALSO
BE PROVIDED TO SYG.

6. ON QUESTION OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON SHARING OF
COSTS, GROUP AGREED THAT DISCUSSIONS SHOULD START PROMPTLY.
IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT ROK ACCEPTANCE OF CEMETERY MAINTENANCE
COSTS FOR 1974 WAS ESSENTIALLY AN UNDERWRITING. MOST COUNTRIES
CONCERNED HAD AUTHORITY TO BEGIN DISCUSSION ON COST
SHARING. MISOFF (KELLER) NOTED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS
BUT EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY.

6. IN ADDITION TO 11 COUNTRIES (EXCEPT
NORWAY) WHO HAVE MEN BURIED IN CEMETERY, REPS OF SEVERAL
OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS SWEDEN AND DENMARK ATTENDED.
THESE LATTER TWO ALONG WITH ETHIOPIA, COLUMBIA, INDIA, GREECE,
THAILAND, PHILIPPINES AND ITALY HAVE MOUNTED MEMORIAL
PLAQUES.

7. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION ON RESULTS OF VAN DER KLAUW'S
MEETING WITH DAVIDSON, A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP FROM
CEMETERY COMITE WILL CALL ON SYG OR HIS REP ALONG LINES
SUGGESTED ABOVE.

8. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, USUN WILL PARTICIPATE
IN DEMARCHE. MISSION ALSO REQUESTS DEPT TO PROVIDE
SOONEST GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR IMPENDING TALKS ON
CEMETERY COST SHARING.

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